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PATENT APPLICATION
U.S. Serial No. 08/716,223
Attorney Docket No. 702-961170

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1761 :

In re application of :

G. A. Van SCHOUWENBURG :

Serial No. 08/716,223 :

Filed November 22, 1996 :

Examiner - C. Sherrer :

**METHOD FOR PREPARING A
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM
SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND
THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT
OBTAINED**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 14, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated February 12, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the previous version of claim 1 and rewrite claim 1 as follows.

(Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following is a clean copy of the amended claim. A marked-up version of this claim is attached hereto on a separate sheet.)

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Examiner: C. Sherrer Group Art Unit: 1761
Invention: "METHOD FOR PREPARING A COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM SMALLER
PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
☐ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | No of Claims After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity Rate | Non-Small Entity Rate | Charge |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Total | <u>13</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>0</u> | x \$ 9.00 | x \$ 18.00 | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Indep. | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | x \$ 42.00 | x \$ 84.00 | \$ <u>0</u> |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s | | | | + \$140.00 | + \$280.00 | \$ <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE | | | | | | \$ <u>0</u> |

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the 1-month Petition for Extension of Time
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this Transmittal are enclosed.
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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